DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Honorable Phil M. Canale, Jr.
District Attorney General
Fifteenth Judicial Circuit
Shelby County Office Building
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Dear Mr. Canale:

Regarding our telephone conversation of last week, I wish to request your office to transmit to the Department of State the original certified copy of the transcript of the proceedings in the James Earl Ray extradition case before the Bow Street Court, London, in July of 1968. Insofar as that court is concerned, that transcript was intended for delivery to the Department of State. It was apparently handed to the agents of the United States who escorted Ray from the United Kingdom to the United States.

You have indicated that a certified copy of this transcript is in your possession and I request that it be transmitted directly to the Department of State by registered mail. Upon receipt, I will obtain a photographic copy of the documents which I will transmit to you. This photographic process will not require the breaking of the seals.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

H. Rowan Gaither

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